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SUBJECT: JUMBE EXPANDS TAN GOV'S PUBLIC POSITION ON US-UK
RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT INITIATIVE

1. TANZANIAN PRESS OF JUNE 11 GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO
SPEECH ON RHODESIA PREVIOUS DAY BY VIC PRESIDENT JUMBE AT
COMMONWEALTH SUMMIT. THEME OF SPEECH, AS REPORTED HERE,
IS THAT AFRICANS CAN CO-OPERATE WITH US-UK INITIATIVE IF IT IS
AIMED AT THE COMPLETE DISMANTLING OF SMITH'S ARMY AND THE
HANDING OVER OF ALL ITS WEAPONS TO A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT.
"UNLESS THIS HAPPENS, A CHANGE IN THE COMPLEXION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS." IF DESTRUCTION OF SMITH'S ARMY NOT
ACHIEVED POLITICALLY, IT WAS CLEAR IT WOULD EVENTUALLY BE DESTROYED
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BY "FREEDOM FIGHTERS WORKING ALONE."

2. OTHER MAIN POINTS OF JUMBE'S SPEECH AS REPORTED HERE:

-- AFRICA UNDERSTOOD WITH REGRET WEST WOULD NOT HELP IN MILITARY
EFFORT. AT SAME TIME IT WAS ASSUMED WEST WOULD DO NOTHING TO
WEAKEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS OR SUPPORT SMITH AGAINST THEM. IT WAS

ALSO ASSUMED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AND OTHER FORMS OF PRESSURE
WOULD BE MAINTAINED BY WEST UNTIL MAJORITY RULE OBTAINED.

-- WHAT HAPPENED AFTER END OF MINORITY RULE WOULD BE DETERMINED
BY HOW CHANGE WAS ACHIEVED. " IF THE DESTRUCTION OF SMITH'S POWER
-- AND ESPECIALLY THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS ARMY -- IS ACHIEVED WITH
THE ACTIVE HELP OF THE WEST, AND BEFORE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE
DESTROYED THE ARMY MILITARILY, THEN THERE WILL BE ELECTIONS IN
ZIMBABWE, UNDER ARRANGEMENTS AGREED BETWEEN THE NATIONALISTS AND
THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE TO FIGHT TO A
FINISH, THEN THE FIRST INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT OF ZIMBABWE WILL BE
FORMED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS."

-- TANZANIA HOPED THERE WAS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF
SMITH'S ARMY BY FREEDOM FIGHTERS. TANZANIA WANTED THE WAR
TO END QUICKLY TO REDUCE SUFFERING FOR ZIMBABWE AND ITS FRONT-
LINE NEIGHBORS.

3. COMMENT: TWO DIFFERENT TANGOV REACTIONS TO US-UK RHODESIAN
INITIATIVE HAVE BEEN EVIDENT SINCE OWEN'S APRIL VISIT TO
DAR ES SALAAM. LEADERSHIP -- WITHOUT MAKING ANY PUBLIC
STATEMENTS -- HAS QUIETLY URGED THAT INITIATIVE PROCEED. ON
OTHER HAND, GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MEDIA HAS ARGUED STRONGLY FOR
A MILITARY SOLUTION, MAINTAINING THAT ARMED STRUGGLE IS ONLY ROUTE
TO TRUE VICTORY AND THE UK AND SMITH CANNOT BE TRUSTED. JUMBE'S
SPEECH PUTS TANZANIA ON RECORD AS WILLING TO COOPERATE IN
PURSUING A POLITICAL ROUTE TO NEUTRALIZING MINORITY REGIME'S
POWER.

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